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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

JOHANNES SCHELLMANN, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/018,047

Filed: April 22, 2002

For: **METHOD FOR ACQUIRING AND  
PROCESSING DATA OF BUSINESS  
TRANSACTIONS - UTILITY**

Art Group: Unknown

Examiner: To Be Determined

**STATUS INQUIRY**

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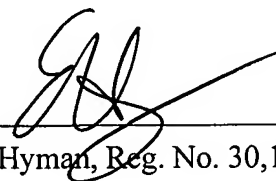
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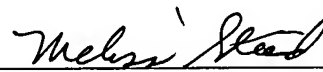
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